(d) if so, whether Government proposes to derecognize such flying schools which are not providing training as per norms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The flying schools in foreign countries are not under the control of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India. They are controlled by the Regulatory Authority of their respective countries and provide flying training as per the rules and regulations established by that country.

(c) The Government of India does not maintain such records as no permission from Indian DGCA is required for undergoing training in foreign training schools.

(d) and (e) DGCA has no authority to recognize or de-recognize a flying school established in foreign country. DGCA only accepts the licence issued by an International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) contracting State and converts it to Indian licence in accordance with the Indian rules and regulations.

Delay by private airlines

325. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 478 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 2008 and to state the On Time Performance (OTP) and cancellation of flights of Jet Airways, Spicejet and Go Air during the last 3 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): The details regarding On Time Performance (OTP) and cancellation of flights of Jet Airways, Spicejet and Go Air, during the last three months i.e. July, August and September, 2008 are as follows:

Month	Jet Airways		Spicejet		Go Air.	
	OTP (%)	Flts. Cancelled	OTP (%)	Flts. Cancelled	OTP (%)	Flts. Cancelled
July, 2008	81.1	67	86.0	211	68.9	148
August, 2008	80.7	186	84.5	327	79.0	162
September, 2008	87.3	183	88.3	272	86.2	208

Air crashes in country

†326. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plane crashes and other accidents taken place on the airports during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the steps taken by Government to reduce the number of such accidents; and

(c) the result achieved thereof till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) During the last three years there were 6 aircraft accidents on the airports. The reasons as brought out in the investigation reports are improper decision of the pilots, poor crew co-ordination, mechanical/technical problems, non adherence of laid down procedures and weather disturbances.

(b) and (c) To avoid air accidents, various accident prevention programmes have been initiated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Safety audits, surveillance inspections etc. are carried out to find out hazards in the operations/ engineering departments of the operator. Corrective action is taken to eliminate or reduce the hazards. Safety management system is being introduced with all service providers. Safety Recommendations emanating from the investigations are followed up by Directorate General of Civil Aviation for implementation by the concerned units to prevent recurrence of such accidents. Inspite of tremendous increase in Passenger Traffic and number of Aircraft during the last few years, aircraft accident rate has come down.

Air cargo handling at airports in Kerala

327. SHRI K. E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government owned Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd. (KSIE), a profit making company with ISO certification for excellence in performance, has been handling Air Cargo in the two airports at Trivandrum and Calicut for several decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for denying this right to KSIE after the airports are renovated and rebuilt;

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Kerala has approached the Centre for restoration of *status quo;* and

(e) if so, what is the final decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The air cargo complex at Trivandrum airport was set up by M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises (KSIE) in the year 1979 outside the Trivandrum airport in a temporary shed. Later, KSIE constructed a proper air cargo complex in 1987 for handling export and import cargo outside the airport.

At Calicut Airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has constructed a building and handed it over to KSIE for processing export cargo whereas KSIE has its own warehouse near the airport for handling import cargo.

(c) Till date, the cargo facilities at Trivandrum and Calicut are being operated by KSIE itself who is also the customs appointed custodian.